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Subject: Re: Austin Commons
Date: Thursday, April 30, 2026 7:18:40 AM

Thank you for letting me know.



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RE: Opposition to Proposed “Austin Commons” Development at 2300 Austin

Dear Alderwoman Dimitrijevic,

I am writing to you today as a concerned resident of Bayview (and the directly effected area) to formally express my **opposition** to the proposed “Austin Commons” apartment complex planned for 2300 S. Austin Street. While I support the city’s broader goals of addressing housing needs, I believe the specific scale and nature of this project are inconsistent with the established character and infrastructure of our residential community.

My primary concerns regarding this proposal include:

- **Infrastructure and Traffic:** Our local streets and intersections are already operating at or near capacity. Adding another high-density development will significantly increase traffic congestion, making it difficult for current residents to commute safely and potentially delaying emergency vehicle access.
- **Excessive Density and Neighborhood Saturation:** Our neighborhood has already reached a breaking point regarding new development. We have just seen the completion of a similar 500-unit building in the immediate area. Adding another high-density project so soon—before the full impact of the previous development on our local resources has even been properly assessed—is irresponsible planning that risks overwhelming our community.
- **Neighborhood Character:** Bayview is defined by its low-density residential feel. Introducing yet another large-scale apartment complex into this specific pocket would create a stark architectural and density mismatch that undermines the long-term planning and aesthetic of our community.
- **Critical Lack of Parking:** The proposed plan does not provide adequate on-site parking

for the number of residents and guests expected. Street parking is already nearly impossible to find. Forcing even 50 additional vehicles onto our narrow residential side streets will create a safety hazard and a daily burden for long-standing homeowners and business owners.

- **Public Services:** I am concerned that our local schools, parks, and utility systems are not equipped to handle the influx of residents this project would bring without a significant and clear plan for infrastructure upgrades.
- **Property Value and Stability:** Many residents have invested their life savings into their homes here based on the existing zoning and neighborhood density. A project of this magnitude, without adequate transition or buffering, risks destabilizing the neighborhood's long-term economic balance.

I urge you to listen to the voices of the constituents who live adjacent to this site every day. I am somewhat surprised that as an individual who lives 2 minutes away from the proposed site that my household was not included in the initial and any subsequent notifications.

We ask that the City Council reconsider the zoning or density requirements for this project to ensure that any new development is compatible with the existing footprint of our neighborhood.

I look forward to hearing your thoughts on this matter and would appreciate being kept informed of any upcoming public hearings or committee meetings regarding this.

Sincerely,

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